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1. [redacted] between September and December 1953, there was no change in the attitude of the Poles toward the Soviets. [redacted] the Poles had put up with the Soviet dominion, which was outwardly hardly conspicuous. The slight improvement of their living standard had had a favorable effect on the Poles. Although there still was latent hostility in the country against the Soviets, the Polish Government had succeeded in rooting out overt hostility against the Soviets. Anyhow, it was a fact that the Poles, on account of the experiences made in the last two years, had adopted a prudent and waiting attitude.

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2. [redacted] an imposing building recently completed: "We Poles would not have erected this building in such a grand style. However, it was the demand of the Soviets, which intend to make Warsaw their show window to the West". Regarding the political situation, [redacted] the Poles expected peace to continue for at least three more years. [redacted] the Soviets did not want a war for the time being and were not in a position to go to war within the next three years. 25X1

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1. Comment. The report confirms previous information on the lethargy on the side of the Polish population vis-a-vis the political situation. However, it is a fact that the bulk of the Polish population is still hostile to the Communist regime and in particular to the Soviets.

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